

REMARKS

In the present amendment, Applicants have amended the specification to include the substituted methacrylate homopolymers disclosed in Table I (Page 16, Line 20 – Page 17, line 9) to the suds boosters, more specifically the suds stabilizing polymers, disclosed on Page 14, lines 20-24.

Applicants have also amended Claims 30 and 46 to define the claimed invention with greater specificity. Support for the amendment can be found on page 14, lines 13-24 and Page 17, line 9.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 30-49 are pending.

Rejection Under 35 USC § 102 and § 103:

Claims 30-49 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §102 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,990,065 to Vinson et al. (hereinafter "Vinson"); and in the alternative, under 35 USC §103 as allegedly defining obvious subject matter over Vinson.

Applicants respectfully submit that the presently amended Claims 30-49 are not anticipated by nor rendered obvious over Vinson because Vinson fails to teach or suggest each and every element therein. Specifically, Vinson does not teach or suggest the polymeric suds stabilizers as claimed.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in condition for allowance. WHEREFORE, entry of the amendments provided herewith, reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the Remarks provided, withdrawal of the claims rejections, and allowance of Claims 30-49 are respectfully requested.

In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

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